

# AMA-CHEWER

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RADIO CLUB INCORPORATED

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## PROGRAMS

- JUNE 2nd Auction and Eats. This is the first of a trial series of just such meetings. Bring along your junk to the auction and then put on the feed bag after the selling. Your increased dues has made these eats possible so now be sure to be there to get your share.
- June 9th Business meeting of the club and a miniature "It Pays To Be Ignorant" following. Attend to learn the operation of the club and bring your questions to be answered after the short business session.
- June 16th Planning Division of State Highway Commission will hold open house for the club on this date. Meet at the State House Annex at Market & Senate Sts. at 8:00 PM. An interesting evening is promised.
- June 23rd Mr. D. J. Angus will screen some of the old pictures of the gang that have been taken on trips and at some of the functions of the club in the past. See these to get a laugh out of life.
- June 30th Tentative program for this date is to be Bob Annis who will talk on "Transformers". His talk will include their design, construction, and testing of same.

Above programs with the exception of the State Highway Commission visit are held at the Northeast Community Center at 3306 East th St. (30th and LaSalle Sts.) It can be reached by Brightwood trolley, walking 5 blocks West from the 30th St. stop or by Crosstown bus which stops in front of the Center. Meetings called to order at 8:00 PM Central Standard Daylight Saving Time. Everyone is welcome.

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## PAST PROGRAMS

Through oversight we overlooked our president who assisted Clarence Pence in his program month before last so this squib will, we hope, be his just reward for his efforts in behalf of the program the pair



put on in April. Now, to get back to our past month. Bob Caskey put on a demonstration and talk on the alignment of receivers on the 5th of May. May 12th was a business meeting. On May 19th the club visited the Gamewell Department of the IPD and were shown the system. May 26th George Wood, W9CZO spoke on the operation of the Mobile Net. (There, hope that we haven't overlooked anyone this time.)

To keep the programs rolling why not suggest a program for the club, offer to put one on at club or at your shop or ask a speaker to the club. This is your club and your programs is what it takes to keep it a Good club.

### INDIANA RADIO CLUB COUNCIL

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The Indiana Radio Club Council annual picnic will be held at Turkey Run State Park (Route US 41) on Sunday June 18, 1950. Activities start at 10 AM CST. Advance sale of tickets with main prize of a Harvey Wells TBS-50 transmitter are now being held. Our Secretary Jerry Lucas has them. Tickets are \$.75 advance sale or \$1.00 at the gate. Children under 16 need not have a ticket. Get set now to be at Turkey Run State Park for this picnic.

Preceding the picnic there will be a called meeting of the Council for the election of officers, discussion of an Indiana State Convention to be held at Indianapolis in cooperation with our club, and a vote on the proposed change in the constitution of the IRCC. All Indianapolis Radio Club delegates are requested to arrive early to attend this meeting and the club should discuss the proposed meet to be held under our operation.

### LOCAL QSL CARDS

Charles Campbell, W9UEM has a unique arrangement with the post office which with the newest economy measures wherein there is no directory service given to post cards means a lot to the ham who is looking for that incorrectly addressed QSL card. Charles has an arrangement with the clerks whereby any QSL card with no address or an incorrectly addressed card is put into his Box in General Delivery. Charley then looks up the correct address-if he has it- and remails the card. Now, where you should be interested is that he must have the correct address and you can be sure that he has by mailing him a postal card with your correct address on it if you have moved or have a new call. Just last week a new ham, W9JXH was helped through our gathering of addresses when Charley called upon the ed for his address. UEM had some rare DX cards for him and had no address.

If you are a new ham not yet listed either in the call book or in our soon to be printed local call book drop a card to Charles Campbell, W9UEM, 155 N. Franklin Road and Charles will see to it that any QSL cards not delivered are readdressed correctly. By the way, Charles has been doing this for several years past so we owe him a vote of thanks and some of us owe him some extra thanks for the DX we would not have otherwise confirmed.

### A LETTER FROM STOUT

Last month we printed a letter from Max Stout W9JTY/MM who wanted the club paper sent to Amateur Radio Club of India, he had enclosed \$1.00 for postage and Don Davis, W9JYP donated another \$1.00 for the same item. We found upon investigation that 5¢ is the postage required so



the IRC paper will be going to India for some time. Thanks Max and Don.

Max's latest letter follows, in part.

Max Stout, W9JTY/MM reports having worked the following Indp hams during the last 2 years aboard his ship. W9BZB, W9DPL, W9GND, W9GRN, W9IV, W9KPN, W9NJ, W9OVF, W9ofv/M, W9VPN, and W9WUC. A total of 17 QSO's to date with W9OVF and several FB phone pathces thru W9GRN. Seems as if Max can't get away from the salt water long enough to set up a rig ashore. He is beginning his third year aboard the Fort MIMS and it lookd like he is trying to beat his record he had on his last navy ship, the USS Mizar on which he put in 41 months. (Max closes wld the remark that Ray Forbes had told him of ye ed having worked Ray and wanted Ray to know that he, Max, had received his letter.

#### HERE AND THERE

We received a FB letter from Rev. Val Thompson, W9IGP to whom we had sent our club paper after the recent write up in the Star. The Rev. says that he would like to visit us so we may have him at our meetings before long. Thank you for the letter.

The club and directors have voted to have an auction and eats the first Friday of each month until furthur action. Be there for the eats and if you have any usuable radio gear for sale be sure to bring it along at these meetings. Their success will depend upon your action.

Clair Gould, W9AQQ has recently gone to work for Van Sickle Radio (Van Sickle is no longer connected with the business) and he just joined the club. Congrats Clair and may we remark that you are the only one at that ham house who is a member of the club. You are to be congratulated and may all our members ask for you when they go in so that your employers know that we stand behind our members. (How about it fellows, ask for Clair when you go in Van Sickle Radio and let it be known that we like support from our local stores.) (In the above vein it is not to be infered that we do not get help from the firm in the form of prizes for contests but we would like to see some of them out to club more often.)

Just as a passing thought. What is it that makes some want to attend club meetings. Is it the social contact, is it getting to talk to another ham, is it to get out and broaden your knowledge by the varied program material that the club has presented, or just what is it. Are you really a ham if you don't get out and mix with the other hams. Perhaps you are the one who stays at home or goes somewhere else all the time and then gripes the most when something goes wrong with ham radio on the national picture or even just locally. If you are one of the just plain grippers why not wake up and get out enough to talk with the other hams and win them over to your way of thinking or get exposed to both sides of the discussion. Then you can say that you are at least a well informed ham.

At club recently a letter from the TriState Radio Society relative to a child now at the Riley hospital was read. TriState wanted to know whether the child wanted more instruction in the code and radio theory, instruction that they started before the child came to Riley, and that if he did want it would the Indpls Radio Club see to it that he received such instruction. Alvey Pittman through his wife who is at Riley is to investigate and report to club regarding the matter.

Ray Forbes turned in the letter for our vote as to the outstanding Ind. ham to Lucas who typed it and sent it on for the judging to take



Thanks for the comments on our last paper. We are continuing in the same manner and will probably do so unless a better method is found.

We have a copy of the Blue Grass Amateur Radio Club News which is made up of the doings of members of that club. Nice paper OM.

Bob Lodge stopped at club the past month; Bob has been on Okinawa for the past two or three years and has just been reassigned. Bob told of his experiences on that island. Included were his tales of sitting out the hurricanes that engulf the island from time to time. Some time judging from his tale.

Did anyone enter the US Armed Forces Day QSO party? Let us know if you did.

Send in your news to be printed in your paper.

### BLEEDER

Everyone of our membership is familiar with a "Bleeder as used in ham radio transmitting equipment. Without referring to an electrical dictionary for a formal definition of the word, let it be said that immediately when the word is mentioned, we associate it with a high voltage power supply. The component or unit consists of a wire wound resistor across the rectified and filtered voltage, used to give you protection from high voltages which might jolt you when they are stored in a filter capacitor, and used also to help give better regulation to the power supply, with reference to open circuit and operating condition voltage readings. A Bleeder is therefore, a sort of a "drain". It is drain upon the power supply, electrically. It does not take much power and gives a great deal of advantage when used.

What has all this elementary explanation got to do with news in Ama-Chewer? You thought this publication was devoted to news of past and future doings of the gang who compose the membership of the Indpls Radio club, did you? You're are so right, Old Man.

The idea is to propose that a page or two of each publication of Ama-Chewer be set aside and titled "THE BLEEDER". It is hoped that each and every person getting, receiving & reading Ama-Chewer will one time each month drop a letter or postal card or telephone to the editor with some little bit of news regarding his activities in the amateur radio game, or some news or gossip of other fellows which will be of interest to the readers. Now this little action by each reader will require a bit of effort, or drain off just a little of his time, and is therefore a Bleeder on his time & effort, hence the name for the column is suggested to be "THE BLEEDER. If such a section could be established it would make the publication more interesting than ever, and it is now awaited eagerly by most of us, and soon the whole thing might consist of such news, drained off the membership as a group, and channelled to the editor and enjoyed by all concerned. This section could and would grow to great proportions and would be read and re-read and discussed over the air and whenever the fellows could meet personally. What say? Now is the hour, it's later than you think. Let's all pitch in and help out. If you have additions or corrections to be added to the above start by submitting them for discussion.

### WEDDING BELLS

Ye editor, Robert Caskey, W9DNQ and Catherine Isenthal were married last Saturday evening, May 27. T. G. Lucas, W9APJ stood up for ye ed. and Mrs. Dorothy Pike stood up for Catherine.



QSO IRC

## INDIANAPOLIS RADIO CLUB

## PERSONAL QSO CONTEST.

CONTEST

Date. April 1, 1950 to August 31, 1950. Contest open to all Club members.

## Purpose:

The purpose of this contest is to develop a closer acquaintance and knowledge of the other fellows' shack, and to acquaint the fellow amateur who may be a stranger, to the possibilities and benefits of membership in the Indianapolis Radio Club Inc.

## Prizes:

There will be two multiple choice prizes consisting of either a Five Dollar Merchandise Certificate or a Thirty Minute Aeroplane Ride over the city in Earl Springers plane. One prize will be awarded to the entrant who visits the greatest number of fixed ham shacks in Marion County.

The other prize will be awarded to the ham who has had the greatest number of visitors to his fixed shack during the contest period. Winners can select either the merchandise certificate or the aeroplane.

## Verifications:

Verifications of visits and visitors will be by the exchange of QSL cards or similar means, by each party, signed and marked "Personal QSO Contest. Hold all QSL's confirming visits and visitors until the end of the contest. Then the cards shall be forwarded to Contest committee for checking.

## Winners:

Winners will be announced in the Indianapolis Radio Club's monthly paper, AMA-CHEWER and also at regular club meeting.

We believe this contest will afford you an excellent opportunity to renew old acquaintances, meet fellow members in their own shacks and most of all extend to the stranger an invitation to drop in and become a member of the Indianapolis Radio Club Inc.

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There it is fellows, keep on the ball and run up that score. Have a lot of fun getting those cards and at the same time meet a lot of the men you have talking to over the air. It's all in fun and yet you can have a chance to see the city by air or get a five dollar piece of radio gear that you have been wanting and just haven't put away enough dough to get same. May the best men win.

## PRINTING CREDIT

Present for this printing are George Wood, W9CZO and ye ed Robert Caskey, W9DNQ. Our thanks for Mrs. Caskey for the typing of one page.